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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 3:21-CR-00038-SLG
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
MICHAEL GLENN WHITMORE,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**DECLARATION OF LEONARD TORRES**

Leonard Torres, a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Trained Field Officer (TFO) with the Anchorage Police Department (APD), declares as follows:

1. I am submitting this declaration because I have been asked by the United States Attorney's Office to provide information, in response to a motion to suppress filed in this case (Docket 48), relating to an audio recorded interview that I had conducted with Michael Whitmore on March 10, 2021 (filed at Dockets 48-1 and

49-1 under seal by his attorney).

2. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.
3. I have been an APD Officer since June of 2000 and have been trained as a TFO investigating human trafficking and child exploitation crimes for nearly 4 years, as of January 2022. I have completed the following specialized trainings:
  - a. Multiple forensic style interview trainings, both nationally and local, pertaining to human trafficking, child exploitation, and sex crimes;
  - b. Cybercrime investigations pertaining to child exploitation crimes; andI am also an instructor for the APD police academy, training others in interviews and interrogations.
4. On March 10, 2021, I accompanied FBI Special Agent Marissa Taggart to conduct an audio recorded interview with Michael Whitmore. This interview took place in my police vehicle.
5. Prior to interviewing Michael Whitmore, I read to him his *Miranda* rights directly from the APD issued Miranda Warning card, in its entirety, that included the following:
  - a. You have the right to remain silent.
  - b. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
  - c. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned.
  - d. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you

before any questioning, if you wish.

- e. You can decide at any time to exercise these rights and now answer any questions or make any statements.
6. Following advising Michael Whitmore of the above rights, I then read the waiver questions on the APD Miranda Card to him in its entirety:
- a. Do you understand each of these rights I have explained to you?
  - b. Having these rights in mind, do you wish to talk to us now?

In response to both questions, Michael Whitmore verbally stated that he understood his rights and that he was willing to speak with us.

7. I then determined that the audio recorder had not captured the reading of the Miranda rights after beginning the interview. Once the recorder was operational, I confirmed with Michael Whitmore that I had indeed read him his Miranda rights. I confirmed that he indeed stated he was willing to talk to the agents and that he understood his rights.
8. Upon confirming these topics with the recorder now operating, I resumed the interview of Michael Whitmore.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 3, 2021, in Anchorage, Alaska.

s/ Leonard Torres  
LEONARD TORRES  
Officer (TFO)  
Anchorage Police Department